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SUMMER MORNING RECREATION PROGRAM

The following is the Proposed Summer Morning Recreation Program which has been approved by the Township Committee. At the next Public Meeting on the Township Committee of May 16, 1977 the registration fees will be set. Proposals for these registration fees range from a high of \$10 for the 1st child, \$10 for the 2nd child, \$5 for the third child, and all other children in the same family beyond the 3rd free, to a low figure of \$6 for the 1st child, \$4 for the 2nd child, \$2 for the 3rd child, and all other children in the same family beyond the 3rd free.

The basic elements of the Program are listed below.

- I. The Program is scheduled to commence Tuesday, July 5th, and conclude Friday, August 4th and will meet 4 days a week, Monday through Thursday of each week except for the last week when there will be a special session on Friday, August 4th.
- II. Activities will be scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and will consist of a 40-minute arts & crafts period, a 40-minute music period, and a 40-minute organized recreation period (consisting of both sports activities & passive recreational games). Children may be dropped off at the Long Valley Middle School, Route 513, as early as 9:00 a.m. and picked up as late as 12:30 p.m. These extra time periods for drop-off & pick-ups will be staffed with student aids.
- III. Staffing will consist of a full-time Director and Arts & Crafts Instructor, a full-time Music Teacher, and several local high school/college student aids.
- IV. Registration fees have not been set as of this time. A minimum registration of 60 children is necessary to implement the Program, and a maximum of 150 children is acceptable for grades K-5. Application forms will be available through the school system and at the Township Hall after the establishment of registration fees by the Township Committee.

May 1, 1977

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

-- Jeffrey A. Shapiro

Dear Residents:

In the past several months since my appointment as Administrator there have been a great many of events which have occurred in the Community and a number of changes which have occurred within this Government. While I am sure that the local press has been more than diligent in making you aware of these things I would like to take this opportunity to continue our practice of some direct communication.

1. ROAD REPAIR -- One of the most critical situations which developed after our incredible winter has been the deterioration of many older Township roads. As I am sure you are aware many of these roads were never initially constructed as standard roadways but were rather the accumulation of years of oiling, gravel, sand, and other techniques such that a road-like surface began to appear. This surface, however, had no viable road base (such as several inches of crushed stone and stabilized base). It is these roads which were most susceptible to winter damage as has now occurred.

Two weeks ago the Road Department engaged in a comprehensive road patching program. This program is intended to alleviate some of the problems and render all Township roads passable (I hope that we are aware of my choice of words...because in some cases I am sure we shall expend much time and material just trying to make some of the larger holes smaller and never quite satisfying the need). Within the next two weeks the Township Committee may be appointing a new Road Supervisor who will be initiated in a most "abrupt" manner. Please remember the road crew consists of only 12 men charged with maintaining almost 100 miles of road. This does take time.

An alternative to the "patch work approach" is the bonding of substantial sums of money to totally reconstruct, with accompanying drainage, a significant number of Township roads. Under the bonding approach the cost of this work would also be paid by future users in their property taxes. We are currently establishing the financial and engineering facts regarding this alternative. If it appears viable the Township Committee has determined that it will place the issue as a Public Referendum Question at either a Special Election or the General Election for the residents to make their wishes be known. At the present time the Township's construction monies (\$100,000) will fund the reconstruction of East Springtown Road from Naughtright Road to Camp Washington Road, and the resurfacing of Camp Washington Road to Route 24.

2. SPRING CLEAN-UP -- Due to the large amounts of monies which have already been expended in our road repair program there was some consideration given to foregoing the spring clean-up and using those funds for road repair. The Township Committee has decided that a spring clean-up, in fact, be held. Therefore, we are currently advertising for contractors and hope to schedule the clean up some time in late May. The Township will take out a "box ad" in the Observer Tribune stating the clean-up dates as soon as they are established. Your cooperation during this delay has been most appreciated. Please also remember that after the clean-up the Township will operate a "chipper program" for chipping trimmings and fallen wood. These wood chips will be made available at specified locations.

3. LAWN SPRINKLING -- I have often been of the opinion that if I didn't water my lawn it wouldn't grow, and if it didn't grow I wouldn't have to mow it, however ghastly brown it became (for if I mowed it I am sure I would be violating some Federal Anti-Dust Pollution Law). Unfortunately, my family is not of the same opinion and I find myself preparing for my least favorite summer ritual. The moral of this rather unpleasant story is that there are some parts of the Township, notably Parker Acres, which are susceptible to water pressure problems when the lawn sprinkling barrage begins. Even with the installation of a new booster pump I am not so foolish as to suppose everything will work out perfectly (as we all know the more things you add to a system the more things which can go wrong). Therefore, it is suggested that in order to even-out water usage and reduce wasteful evaporation, lawns should be watered during dusk and evening hours.

4. SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM -- Both the Township Committee and the Recreation Committee have approved on a first-year trial basis a new summer recreation program. Attached you will find a flyer containing information and application forms for this program. If it is successful further application forms will be available through the

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5. LAND TREMORS -- Now that springtime is upon us we have contacted the LaMont Testing Station which has promised to install a seismograph in the Township for the purpose of monitoring unusual geological occurrences in the Wooded Valley area. It is anticipated that a response regarding this commitment will be forthcoming within the month and hopefully announced publicly at the next Township Committee Meeting.

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8. FIRE INSURANCE -- Because of its financial impact we would like to remind you that the overall public fire protection classification of the Community has been upgraded from a Class 8 to a Class 7, effective April 1, 1977. This will have the result of reducing premiums of most protected properties. For instance, on a home insured for \$35,000 the reduction would be approximately \$16.00 per year in fire insurance. You may wish to advise your insurance carrier of these facts. The official reports are on file in the Administrator's Office.

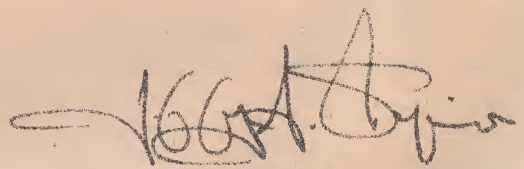
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10. SENIOR CITIZENS MOBILE CENTER -- St. Clare's Hospital is providing to Washington Township a "Mobile Drop-In Center" for senior citizens. This Center is staffed by concerned professionals who will discuss with senior citizens their Medi-Caid Medi-Care problems, Social Security, social services, recreation & educational opportunities, health counseling, and general conversation. The Mobile Center will visit the Township on alternate Thursdays, beginning April 21, 1977 at the Long Valley First Aid Squad. You are encouraged to visit this Mobile Center. If you have any questions please contact the Board of Health.

11. FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TAX ASSESSOR -- For Washington Township Taxpayers who may qualify, you are reminded that applications for farmland assessment must be filed in the Assessor's Office on or before August 1, 1977. Application forms will be available in the Assessor's Office about June 1, 1977. The application to be filed will be for the calendar year 1978. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Assessor's Office at 876-3315.

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12. A FINAL NOTE -- The towering orange structure rising above the skyline is really not intended to be an international (if not inter-stellar) landmark for friendly or alien visitors. In fact, it is the Municipal Utilities Authority's new water tower to service the majority of the homes being developed on top of the mountain. This stand-pipe will be painted in the next few weeks a color which can only be described as "neutral" (neither Republican or Democrat). After such exterior decoration the tank will hopefully be less obtrusive.



LATE BULLETIN...In Congresswoman Helen Meyner's April Newsletter you will note on the first page an article showing that the Washington Township M.U.A. is receiving 3.2 million dollars in Federal Funds. This is an error and the Washington Township in question is located on Bergen County. Mrs. Meyner's Office extends its sincere apologies (but no cash).

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6. SANDT TRACT UTILIZATION -- The Mayor & Township Committee have appointed a Citizens Advisory Committee to evaluate the Sandt Tract from the perspective of park development by the Township. This Committee is comprised of representatives from the Environmental Commission, Planning Board, Board of Education, Library, Recreation, Township Committee, and General Public. Their meetings are open to the public and their ultimate recommendations will be subject to public discussion at future Township Committee meetings.

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